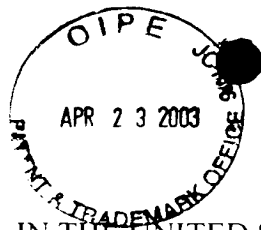


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 4-29 remain pending in the application.

REMARKS

As claimed in Claim 1, the present invention is an aqueous polymer dispersion having a minimum film-forming temperature of below +65°C comprising at least one film-forming polymer in the form of dispersed polymer particles comprising a polymer phase P1 and a different polymer phase P2, the polymer dispersion obtained by free-radical aqueous emulsion polymerization comprising the following steps: i) polymerization of a first monomer charge M1 to give a polymer P1 having a theoretical glass transition temperature $T_g^{(1)}$ (according to Fox) and ii) polymerization of a second monomer charge M2 to give a polymer P2 having a theoretical glass transition temperature $T_g^{(2)}$ (according to Fox) which is